



## MINUTES 2017 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**DATE:** Saturday, 11 February 2017  
**VENUE:** Dubbo RSL, Cnr Brisbane Street & Wingewarra Street Dubbo  
**TIME:** AGM opened at **10:20am**

### ATTENDEES

Name	Zone	Name	Zone
David Mortimer	NWP	John Forsyth	HV
Christie Hunt	NWP	Mel Davis	HV
Chris Bunny	SWS	Sue Forsyth	HV
Pip Grills	NNE	Dinah Haynes	SH
John Grills	NNE	Wendy Barlow	SH
Narelle Spinks	WD	Greg Davidge	SH
Tanya Mulligen	WD	Sam Halsted	HV
Cameron Hill	WD	Gary Stevenson	CW
Marg Garnsey	WD	Mark Wilson	NWP
Simon Turnbull	WD		

### APOLOGIES

Name	Zone	Name	Zone
Ray Davis	WD	Elissa Koch	SWS
Laughlin Ross	WD	Jo McFayden	HV
Kevin Stevenson	CW	Sandra Weston	SWS
Tracey Stevenson	CW	Wayne Stevenson	CW
Kaye Stevenson	CW	Kevin Stevenson	CW

### 1. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS GM



<b>Moved</b>	<i>Dinah Haynes</i>	<b>Seconded</b>	<i>Gary Stevenson</i>
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**BUSINESS ARISING**

Nil

**2. ANNUAL REPORTS**

***President (attached) – moved as presented***

<b>Moved</b>	<i>Arch Anderson</i>	<b>Seconded</b>	<i>Dinah Haynes</i>
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**Treasurer** – The Treasurer apologised that there was no audited financial report available. The difficulty was due to the fact that NSW Polocrosse End of Financial Year (EOFY) falls within the Christmas period combined with an early AGM the added difficulty of a personal loss.

Current money at bank is \$226,375.23. Whilst this may seem a lot of money, it is important to note that minimum expenditure over the course of a year is around \$90,000 to administer the State, those costs being spread across honorariums, SEO salary, meeting etc.

A full audited report will be available at the half yearly meeting.

***Moved as presented***

<b>Moved</b>	<i>Anthony Kirk</i>	<b>Seconded</b>	<i>Gary Stevenson</i>
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***Coaching Director (attached) – moved as presented***

<b>Moved</b>	<i>Christie Hunt</i>	<b>Seconded</b>	<i>Marg Garnsey</i>
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***State Chief Umpire (attached) – moved as presented***

<b>Moved</b>	<i>Chris Bunny</i>	<b>Seconded</b>	<i>Mark Wilson</i>
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***State Grading Officer*** – No Report

***State Draw Committee*** – No Report

***Junior Development Officer*** – No Report

***Intermediate Development Officer*** – No Report

***Horse Welfare Officers*** – No Report

***Uniform Officer*** – No Report

***Equipment Officer*** – No Report

***Board Report – (Attached)***



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### **ELECTION OF DIRECTORS – Two Positions**

The following members were unanimously re elected to the Board.

**Catherine Bennett** – Southern Highlands

**Anthony Kirk** – Southern Highlands

### **REVIEW OF HONOURARIUMS**

Honorariums and additional honorariums were considered by Council

Council agreed that for the **Existing honorariums:**

Coaching Director: \$2,000 no change

Umpire Director: \$2,000 no change

Equipment Officer: \$2,000 no change

### **Board members**

Members discussed if office holders considered current honorariums adequate. Anthony Kirk noted last year's introduction of a standard \$120 stipend to cover Board member's costs associated with traveling to attend state and national meetings

### **Uniform officer**

The meeting was advised of recent changes to the role of Uniform Officer, a large job that had previously been done by Libby Ward. Since advising of her resignation Libby has in fact set up a new online retail store for the State. The online store will be managed by Hunters in Wagga Wagga, our major supplier of uniforms over the last few years. It is proposed the oversight responsibilities will be assumed by NSW SEO. However given it is a new system, and the SEO is also new to the position, the Board will seek to identify an experienced manager to assist the SEO in this transition period.

It is therefore not envisaged that an official uniform officer is required although in a more supervisory capacity and the honorarium of \$2000 no longer required at this time.

### **Additional honorariums agreed:**

At the request of the Board the Council agreed to the following new honorariums.

Horse welfare – honorarium of \$500 (Moved: Gary Stevenson; Seconded: Dinah Hayes)

Grading officer – honorarium of \$500 (Moved: Gary Stevenson; Seconded: Dinah Hayes)

### **ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFICE BEARERS FOR 2017**

**Treasurer** – Anthony Kirk

**Book Keeper** – Belinda Cosgrove

**Coaching Director** - Christie Hunt

**Director of Umpiring** – Sam Halsted

**International Liaison Officer** – Arch Anderson (until someone else appointed)

**State Grading Officer** – Jo McFayden

**State Draw Committee** – Ashlee Keating (Chair) and Steffi Lilliebridge



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**JDO** - Lucy Grills

**IDO** – Alison Mathie

**Horse Welfare Officers** – Sara Grills (Chair).

**Equipment Officer** - No nominations received.

*Note: Mark Wilson gave verbal acceptance to taking on the Equipment Officer position after the close of the meeting.*

**APPOINTMENT OF A PUBLIC OFFICER – Mick DeBritt**

**NOMINATION OF AUDITORS - John Little**

<b>Moved</b>	<i>Anthony Kirk</i>	<b>Seconded</b>	<i>Dinah Haynes</i>
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**DELEGATES TO THE PAA – Currently all 5 Board members.**

<b>Moved</b>	<i>Greg Davidge</i>	<b>Seconded</b>	<i>John Forsyth</i>
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**CLOSE AGM 10:50**



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**Presidents Report-Arch Anderson:**

Firstly, congratulations to all NSW players, managers and coaches for doing such a great job at the Albury Nationals. Also to congratulate Albury-Holbrook Club on running such a fantastic Nationals.

Congratulations to all NSW players who have been selected to represent Australia against South Africa and to our Intermediate and Junior players who travelled to South Africa in 2016, and were both successful.

I would like to thank all our volunteer position holders, Chief Umpire, Coaching Director, Selectors and Chairs, Uniform Officer, Coaches Selection Panel, Grading Officer, Horse Welfare Officer and all others who help make NSW Polocrosse possible.

To Melissa Davis for the incredible amount of work and time in getting the First Aid issues resolved, we now have top coverage.

I would like to publicly thank Mel Kelly for the work and time she put into NSW over the past 5 years and wish her every success in her future endeavors.

Lastly, I would like to personally thank the current NSW Board members, who put so much time and effort into NSW Polocrosse. It is a time consuming role, but I think the effort is worth it and NSW is becoming a better and easier place to play Polocrosse because of them.

Thanks.



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**NSW Director of Umpiring-Sam Halsted:**

There has been a lot happening since the half yearly meeting for myself, I have been appointed to the NUC (National Umpires Committee) with three other members, which include Laughlin Ross from NSW.

I would like to congratulate Laughlin on this appointment to the NUC, Laughlin has a lot to offer to the sport of Polocrosse and it is fantastic that NSW has 2 representatives on the committee.

I also have a new position of Deputy Director of Umpiring Australia; I am looking forward to being a part of these roles and bringing back learning's and information to NSW Polocrosse.

In October 2016 the State Directors of Umpiring and NUC committee all met in Sydney. The Nationals were discussed as well as the trial rule. The trial rule for 2016 in relation to striking has been modified with a new version introduced for 2017 as follows;

*'For the second penalty four (4) awarded against an individual player during a game, the offending player will serve a penalty six (6).'*

This will be trialed for 2017 and at the next yearly PAA Umpires meeting both rules will be assessed and a decision will be made on the best option of the ruling.

Member transfers were also discussed at the meeting, after seeing how many transfers go through the system we do believe it needs to be made an easier process for members to follow so an amendment was made.

*'Any transferring playing member must play 2 tournaments prior to being eligible to compete for their new club at State Championships, by doing this it gives members a straight answer as to the requirement.'*

I would like people to take the time to refresh their memories prior to the commencement of the 2017 season by either glancing at the rule book or by attending an umpire's school with your Zone Chief umpire. Please take the time to complete the induction that NSW Polocrosse is rolling out it is a great idea and a good refresher of information, hopefully one day this will be available online.

Polocrosse in NSW in 2017 will be an exciting season and I wish everybody the best of luck for the year ahead. If you have any problems or questions during the year please do not hesitate to contact myself or the Zone Chief umpires we are only a phone call away.

Play safe and enjoy the season.

Thank you.



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### **NSW Coaching Director-Christie Hunt**

Welcome to the new polocrosse season of 2017.

To begin this report I would like to congratulate the following people for the NSW Coach of the Year and NSW Team Manager of the Year.

**NSW Coach of the Year** – Brad Wamsley.

**NSW Team Manager of the Year** – Louise Parkinson

Both Brad and Louise are outstanding members of our coaching/managing community, they are positive role models to their players in all respects demonstrating outstanding sportsmanship, leadership qualities, team image and a positive attitude.

They are both organised, committed and dedicated to their team's development at all levels.

This year when selecting for the Coaches award we decided to make open an award for Team Manager also, as we felt that they do a lot of work and for this they should be equally awarded and recognized for the work that they put in. The coaching panel also set out criteria and procedures for the selection of these awards. These are available for viewing upon request.

2017 season for the coaching / managing community will be constant again with one International/State event being New Zealand v NSW in the U21 Mixed competition to be held in New Zealand.

There is also three State Events being the Albury Junior Classic, Barastoc Challenge and the Upper Hunter Show. Also not forgetting our demonstration of the fantastic Sub Junior competition at the Royal Sydney Show.

2017 coaching clinics have currently commenced and leading the way are Central West Zone, North West Plains Zone, South West Slopes and Hunter Valley Zone. Following up later on will be Southern Highlands Zone and Western Districts zone. Great organisation and fantastic coaching ensures that they will only get bigger and these schools are vital to our growth in our sport and it is important to support these events.

For all those wanting to do their Coaches Accreditation we will be running a Level 1 Coaching Accreditation Course once a year. Each year it will alternate from the southern zones to the northern zones. In 2017 the Level 1 Coaching accreditation course was to be run in the south however will be postponed due to lack of numbers, which doesn't meet the criteria of running the course. We will look at one later on in the year possibly in the North and if this occurs then one will be held in 2018 in the South.

Logbooks are due yearly on the 31st of December. Logbook collection historically has been untimely and inefficient collection of data. Therefore we introduced a trial survey program with the Zone Coaching



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Directors in 2016. Following this we now have put the electronic logbook system to the test with every coach having the opportunity to try.

There has been minimal glitches which is great and any problem that has been found will be sorted for the 2017. This system we hope will take the pressure and workload of the Zone Coaching Director and the State Coaching Director.

However, please remember that you don't have to use the electronic version if your uncomfortable with that process but please ensure that you log books are in by the 31st of December each year to your Zone Coaching Director.

I am currently working with the Australian Coaching Director to put together a proposal to change the way we deliver our accreditation. I feel that from all the feedback I have received in the past 12 months since taking on this position that people would like a more time efficient easier to access accreditation system. I feel that at least 40% of the current course could be done online prior to the accreditation course which would cut down the time away from home/work factor. Options also include doing part accreditation at particular carnivals which again works for a lot of time poor people. If you have any thoughts in regards to improving delivery of this accreditation please don't hesitate to contact me.

Have a great season and I look forward to seeing you around the fields.

Kind Regards  
Christie Hunt  
NSW Coaching Director